GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any institutional provision has been made by the Government to enquire into the quality of education being imparted in primary and upper primary schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any study regarding the differences in school education of India and that of other countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the plans made by the Government for upgrading the quality of primary education especially in rural areas after the study made on the level of quality educational on national level?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducts National Learners' Achievement Survey for classes III, V and VIII periodically. Till now, two rounds of Achievement Surveys have been conducted. A comparative table of the progress in respect of the two rounds is given below:

Subject	Class III		Class V		Class VIII	
	Round I	Round II	Round I	Round II	Round I	Round II
Mathematics	58.25%	61.89%	46.51%	48.46%	39.17%	42.71%
Language	63.12%	67.84%	58.57%	60.31%	53.86%	56.57%
EVS	NA	NA	50.30%	52.19%	NA	NA
Science	NA	NA	NA	NA	41.30%	42.73%
Social Science	NA	NA	NA	NA	46.19%	48.03%

NA: Not applicable.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.
(e): To improve quality of education, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 lays down norms and standards for maintaining the stipulated Pupil- Teacher Ratio (PTR) in all schools. During the first two years of RTE implementation, 6,31,830 posts of teachers have been sanctioned in the Annual Work Plans and Budgets of States and Union Territories. Under SSA programme, all the teachers are provided with 20 days in-service training in a year − 10 days at Block Resource Centres (BRCs) and 10 days at Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs). There are 6633 BRCs and 70863 CRCs which act as academic support structures under the programme. Free textbooks are provided to the children at primary and upper primary levels.